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DESCENDENTS OF
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NATHANIEL DICKINSON

NATHANIEL DICKINSON was born in England about 1600. He died June 16, 1676, Hadley, Mass. The exact burial spot is not known but it is supposed to be in the old Hadley Cemetery near that of his son Nehemiah. A fine boulder given by Mrs. Nellie Dickinson Hartnett has been erected near the spot. He married about 1629/30 to Anna widow of William Gull. She died before Nathaniel as she was not mentioned in his Will.

Nathaniel must have had an excellent education as shown by the outstanding work which he did in Wethersfield, Conn., and Hadley, Mass. He may have been trained by private tutors as he did not graduate from either Cambridge or Oxford.

Just how and when he came to America is not known. It is quite probable that he landed at Watertown, Mass. He evidently did not remain there long as no member of the Dickinson family is mentioned in Watertown history. Stiles thought he came to Wethersfield in 1635-1636. He probably came overland from Watertown and followed the same trail as the Thomas Hooker party which settled Hartford, Conn.

In 1637 he was chosen town clerk of Wethersfield and served for twenty years. He helped survey Broad Street and lay out the home lots for some of the early settlers. He served in the House of Magistrates at Hartford from 1646-1656.

In 1659 he joined the Russell Expedition and removed to Hadley, Mass. All of his sons went with him but some of them returned to Connecticut at a later date.

He took a very active part in the settlement of Hadley, Mass. He was a deacon in the first church and the first town clerk. He was one of the founders and a trustee of Hopkins Academy, the first grammar school in the country. He was a member of the train band and served in many other ways. He lost three sons in the Indian Wars.

Children:

- # 1. John born 1630 probably in England. Killed by the Indians May 19, 1676. Married in 1648 to Frances Foote.
- # 2. Joseph born 1632 probably in England. Killed by the Indians Sept. 5, 1675. Married Phebe Bracy.
- # 3. Thomas born 1633/34 probably in England. Died 1712/13, Wethersfield, Conn. (Probate) Married March 7, 1667 to Hannah Crow.
- 4. Anna or Hannah born 1636. Married 1st in 1670 to John Clary. He died in 1688. She married 2nd to Enos Kingsley. She had 4 Clary children.
- # 5. Samuel born 1638. Died Nov. 30, 1711-73 yrs. Married Jan. 4, 1668 to Martha Bridgeman at Springfield, Mass.
- # 6. Obadiah born 1641. Died June 10, 1698, Wethersfield, Conn. Married 1st in 1668 to Sarah Beardsley; 2nd in 1692 to Mehitabel Hinsdale.
- # 7. Nathaniel born 1643. Died Oct. 11, 1710. Married 1st in 1662 to Hannah Beardsley; 2nd to Mrs. Elizabeth Gillette; 3rd to Mrs. Elizabeth Wright.
- # 8. Nehemiah born 1643/44. May have been a twin with Nathaniel. Died Sept. 9, 1723-79th yr. Married in 1670 to Sarah Cowles.
- # 9. Hezekiah born Feb. 28, 1645. Died June 14, 1707-63rd year. Married Dec. 4, 1679 to Abigail Blakeman.
- 10. Azariah born 1648. Killed by the Indians Aug. 25, 1675. Married Dorcas _____. She married 2nd in 1676 to Jonathan Marsh.

JOSEPH DICKINSON

JOSEPH (Nathaniel) born 1632 probably in England. Killed by the Indians, Sept. 5, 1675 while trying to relieve the fort at Northfield, Mass. Married Phebe dau. John and Phebe Besbridge Bracey of London and step-daughter of Samuel Martin of Wethersfield, Conn. She died about 1712 as Inventory of her estate was taken June 5, 1712 and Thomas Dickinson was appointed July 7, 1712 to be administrator. Wethersfield Land Records state that Joseph Dickinson and wife sold to Samuel Martin, dwelling house and land previously purchased by William Brisby of London, grandfather of Phebe, said land lying in Wethersfield and occupied by Samuel Martin. Joseph lived in Wethersfield until his father removed to Hadley, Mass. in 1659. He returned to Wethersfield and in Dec. 1661 occupied land which he had bought of John Graves the previous February. He resided in Northampton, Mass. from 1664 to 1674. He then removed to Northfield, Mass. Joseph served in Capt. Beer's Company, King Phillip's War, and in 1683 the town of Northfield granted 50 acres of land to the heirs of Joseph Dickinson. The widow removed to Wethersfield. She married 2nd John, son of Robert and Margery Rose of Wethersfield and Branford, Conn. Phebe was third wife. (Jacobus) John Rose lived in Branford and East Haven, Conn. He died 1683. Phebe married 3rd Samuel Hale of Marlborough, Conn.

Children:

1. Joseph prob. b. as early as 1662, d. about 1683. Res. Stony River, Conn. Inventory of his estate taken May 10, 1683 by John Cooper and Samuel Hemingway of New Haven Village. Phebe Rose, his mother, was administratrix.
2. Joseph (prob. error in recording) b. Mar. 5, 1664, d. same day. Northampton Rcd.
3. Child b. March 5, 1665. Didn't live.
4. Samuel b. May 24, 1666, d. 1690/91, Hatfield, Mass.
- # 5. Thomas prob. b. April 27, 1668. (Apprenticeship Rcd.)
- # 6. Nathaniel b. May 20, 1670.
7. John b. May 2, 1672.
- # 8. Azariah b. May 15, 1674.

THOMAS (Joseph, Nathaniel) prob. born April 27, 1668, Northfield, Mass. Died April 1, 1717, Glastonbury, Conn. Jan. 24, 1676, Thomas Dickinson son of Joseph, with the consent of his mother Phebe and his grandfather Samuel Martin was apprenticed to Samuel Halle (Hale) of Wethersfield for a period of thirteen years from his next ensuing birthday. May 2, 1694, Samuel Halle transferred land to Thomas Dickinson on condition of love and affection. Samuel Hale became his step-father. Thomas married Mary dau. Thomas Loveland, June 1, 1693 at Glastonbury, Conn. She married 2nd to Bennezer Hale. Thomas left a Will on file in State Library, Hartford, Conn. His estate valued at 442 pounds Sterling was settled by his son Joseph Dickinson.

Children recorded in Glastonbury Town Records:

- # 1. Joseph b. May 1694.
- 2. Thomas b. 1698. Not mentioned in father's Will.
- 3. Charity b. April 1699, m April 2, 1719 at Wethersfield to John Waddams.
- 4. Josuah b. March 1701, prob. d. before 1717 as David is called the second son in his father's Will.
- 5. Phebe b. Nov. 1702, m. Jan. 26, 1727 to Abraham Skinner, Jr. of Colchester, Conn. Their children recorded in Glastonbury.
- 6. Mary b. Aug. 1704.
- # 7. David b. Dec. 1705.
- 8. Deborah b. July 1708, m. May 11, 1732 to Benjamin Skinner.

JOSEPH (Thomas, Joseph, Nathaniel) born May 1694. Died May 8, 1762, Wallingford, Conn. Prob. married Hester _____ . He administered his father's estate in 1718 and April 10, 1722 bought the homeland and buildings thereon. He also bought the shares of his sisters, Phebe and Mary and they went to Wethersfield to live. March 28, 1731, he sold to Samuel Loveland 4 acres of land bordering on Hurlburt Brook with mansion house thereon. He bought several pieces of land in Wethersfield and in 1742 bought land in Wallingford, Conn. In July 1746, the wife of Joseph was admitted to the church in the Meridan section of Wallingford. Joseph was admitted to the same church Feb. 28, 1762. On May 23, 1759, Joseph and Hezekiah sold to Daniel Hough, 11 acres of land with their dwelling house which was bought of Ebenezer Cowls. On Oct. 13, 1760, Joseph and Hezekiah released to Joseph and Lois Wardell; Abijah Hobart; and Rachel Frisbie their claim to the land of Capt. Samuel Frisbie, late of Branford, deceased. This record would indicate some relationship with the Frisbie family but no proof has yet been found. The inventory of Joseph's estate is recorded June 21, 1762 at Wallingford, Conn. Hezekiah was executor. Estate consisted of a small piece of land with house and barn.

Children recorded in Mix Diary and bp. in Wethersfield Church:

- # 1. Susannah b. Nov. 6, 1727, bp. Dec. 10, 1727.
- # 2. Hezekiah b. April 13, 1727, bp. April 20, 1729.

SUSANNAH (Joseph, Thomas, Joseph, Nathaniel) born Nov. 6, 1727. Married May 2, 1749 to Jared Spencer of Haddam, Conn. Marriage recorded in Wallingford, Conn. It states she was from Wethersfield.

Children by the name of Spencer born in Wallingford, Conn.

- 1. Thomas b. 1750.
 - 2. John b. 1753.
 - 3. Susannah b. 1755.
 - 4. Jesse b. 1757. Served in the Revolution.
 - 5. Noah b. 1762, m. Persis Cobb. Served in the Revolution.
- 10 children.

HEZEKIAH (Joseph, Thomas, Joseph, Nathaniel) born April 13, 1729. Died June 15, 1784. (Torrington Ch.) Married Susanna a twin daughter of Caleb and Hannah (Ensign) Benton. She was bp. Feb. 23, 1728/29 in 2nd Church, Hartford, Conn. She died in the Fall of 1807-80 yrs., Town Hill Church, New Hartford, Conn. She was admitted to 1st Church of Meriden, Conn., Aug. 21, 1752. Hezekiah first settled in the Meriden section of Wallingford. Removed to Woodbury, Conn., later to Torrington and finally to New Hartford, Conn. On March 28, 1763, Hannah, widow of Caleb Benton bequeathed to her daughter Susanna, wife of Hezekiah Dickinson of Woodbury, Conn., land which she had received from her brother Thomas Ensign. Deed signed in Wallingford, Conn., and recorded in Hartford, Conn. On June 5, 1771, Hezekiah sold his land in Woodbury to Edward Frisbee of Woodbury. The record states that Hezekiah was from Torrington, Conn. (Woodbury Land Rcd.) On Jan. 13, 1768, Hezekiah bought one acre of land in Torrington from Jesse Cook of Waterbury, Conn. Dec. 15, 1769, sold this land to Elijah Gaylord. This land contained house and well and is still in the hands of the Gaylord family. On March 16, 1773, Hezekiah bought of Beriah Dudley land in New Hartford, Conn. He probably lived in New Hartford until his death. In his Will, he leaves his property to his wife Susanna but he mentions his daughters, Esther and Lucy to whom he had already given their dowry.. On Jan. 24, 1791, Susanna; Eliphalet and Esther Ensign; Joseph Cowles and Lucy; Abijah and Hannah Wright of Wethersfield; Molly and Sarah sold to Isaac Goodwin Jr., Torrington, Conn., land and house and barn which Hezekiah had bought of Beriah Dudley, March 16, 1773. Widow Susanna Dickinson of Torrington, Conn. Church was admitted to the church at New Hartford, N. Y. She probably returned to Connecticut as her death is recorded in the Town Hill Church, New Hartford, Conn.

Children:

1. Mary Ann bp. Aug. 23, 1752. Prob. d. young as two children of Hezekiah died Oct. 14, and 15, 1754. (Meriden Church).
2. Ezekiel bp. Nov. 19, 1752, Meriden Church. Prob. d. young.
3. Molly bp. Aug. 3, 1755, Meriden Church. Living in 1791.
- # 4. Esther.
- # 5. Lucy b. May 7, 1761.
- # 6. Hannah.
7. Sarah living in 1791.

NATHANIEL DICKINSON

NATHANIEL (Nathaniel) born Aug. 16, 1643, Wethersfield, Conn. Died Oct. 11, 1710. Buried in Hatfield, Mass. Married first Dec. 25, 1662 at Hatfield to Hannah dau. William and Mary Beardsley, Stratford, Conn. She born 1642, died Feb. 23, 1679. Married 2nd Dec. 16, 1680 to Mrs. Elizabeth Gillett. She was the daughter of John Hawks of Hadley, Mass., and the widow of Joseph Gillett. She was born Jan. 10, 1647. He married 3rd Sept. 16/26, 1684 to Mrs. Elizabeth Wright. She was the daughter of Henry and Eulalia (Marche) Burt of Roxbury and Springfield, Mass., and the widow of Samuel Wright, Jr. of Northampton, Mass. She bp. Dec. 4, 1638 at Herberton Co., Devon, England. Children:

- # 1. Nathaniel b. May 7, 1663. (Town Rcd.) First male child born in Hatfield, Mass.
- 2. Hannah b. Jan. 18, 1666, d. Aug. 3, 1745, Colchester, Conn. Her Will probated there. She m. 1690 to Samuel son of Samuel and Mrs. Sarah Gunn Kellogg. Sarah was the daughter of Robert Day of Hartford and the widow of Nathaniel Gunn. Samuel was b. April 11, 1669, Hadley, Mass., died Aug. 24, 1708, Colchester, Conn. Removed to Colchester after 1701. Res. Colchester, Conn.
- # 3. John B. Nov. 21, 1667, Hadley, Mass. (Judd Manuscript.)
- 4. Mary b. Feb. 2, 1673, d. Aug. 16, 1718, m. Feb. 6, 1696 to Nathaniel son of Philip and Rebecca (Foote) Smith of Hartford, Conn. He b. 1671, Hatfield, Mass., d. Dec. 1740/41. Harvard 1695.
- 5. Daniel b. March 3, 1675.
- 6. Rebecca b. March 1677, m. in 1713 to Thomas Allen.

NATHANIEL (Nathaniel, Nathaniel) born May 7, 1663. Died Oct. 10, 1751. (Cem. Rcd.) Made Will 1743, approved 1757. Married 1st in 1684 to Hepzibah dau. Samuel and Hepzibah (Dibble) Gibbs of Windsor, Conn. She born Jan. 12, 1664, bp. March 12, 1664. Died 1713-49 yrs. He married 2nd May 25, 1713 to Esther dau. John and Deborah Bartlett Cowles of Hatfield. She born April 14, 1686. Married 3rd Aug. 15, 1738 to Mrs. Lydia (Marshall) Wright. She was the dau. of Samuel Marshall and the widow of Samuel Wright III of Northampton, Mass. Children:

- 1. Nathaniel b. Feb. 25, 1685. Slain by Indians July 15, 1698.
- # 2. Samuel b. Dec. 30, 1687.
- # 3. Ebenezer b. Oct. 7, 1690.
- # 4. Daniel b. Nov. 13, 1695.
- 5. Hepzibah b. Aug. 7, 1696, m. in 1720 to Jonathan Belding. He b. 1694. Removed to Northfield, Mass.
- # 6. Nathaniel b. Nov. 27, 1698.